

**NORTH SMITHFIELD  
SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**May 22, 2008**

**KENDALL DEAN**

**5:30 P.M.**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**Present: David Chamberland, Paul Vadenais, Stephen Lindberg, John Perry, Edward Yazbak, Paul Nordstrom, and Jane Biron. Scott Majeau was absent.**

**Others: Ron Fagnoli, Charles Roberts, Steve Hughes, Eric Butash and John Lahar.**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:44 p.m. with roll call by Jane Biron.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Well Status: A letter was received by Michael Long, Mrs. Nevadonski's attorney, stating that their expert's evaluation**

**supported the Town's proposal of connecting Mrs. Nevadonski's two wells together. Mr. Long gave permission for Mrs. Nevadonski to be contacted directly to schedule the work. Mr. Long's letter requested that the Town provide the following assurances:**

- 1. A smooth installation process of the new system**
- 2. The property is restored to its original condition regarding landscaping issues, and**
- 3. The Town address Mrs. Nevadonski's concerns about well testing, namely:**
  - a. The new well be tested for contaminants.**
  - b. A yield test be conducted once the new school is operating**

**After discussion, the Committee recommended the requested assurances be allowed but without the recommendation of a 5 hour well test due to cost concerns.**

**Baseball Field: A request by North Smithfield Alumni to use the baseball field was received and permission was denied by the Superintendent's office. Steve Lindberg stated he denied permission due to insurance concerns and in order to allow the field to recover before public use. Mr. Lindberg stated that until the issue of field irrigation can be resolved, he believed the field use should be minimized. David Chamberland's position is that any field usage is a School Committee issue and is out of control of this Committee. Paul Vadenais stated the field is actually still under Gilbane's control due**

to the school and field premise still being under construction.

John Perry expressed his concern that treatment of all fields for all Town people be consistently approached. Again, it was emphasized that Gilbane still has care and custody over all fields due to the entire school property being a construction zone. The School Department will then oversee all field use once the Certificate of Substantial Completion, which is expected to be received on June 30,

**Technology Update:** The Committee was reminded that at the April 17, 2008 meeting, it was motioned and unanimously approved that \$ 275,000 be returned to the Town so that with the recommendation of the Technology Director, Eric Butash, the Town could purchase the equipment specified.

Mr. Butash stated that bids from HP and Sysco Solutions were received and Sysco Solutions then made a counter-offered. He stated that Sysco Solutions felt strongly that they wanted a presence in the Town and the company was willing to provide their technology for a lower cost in order to get the project. Mr. Butash stated that the products being purchased from Sysco are considered superior. Mr. Butash explained that changing from HP to Sysco Solutions meant receiving a superior product without sacrifice for quality or quantity. The cost savings resulting in the change from HP to Sysco results in an overall technology \$ 91,000 shortfall leaving the Smart Boards unfunded versus the prior month's total technology shortfall of \$

**225,000.**

**Mr. Butash is to submit the purchase order to the Finance Director with back-up information for the Sysco Solution purchase and payment.**

**Charles Roberts asked that he receive the dimensions / specifications for the Smartboard installations.**

**Steve Hughes asked about the turn-around time for the Smart Boards and the time needed for installation. Mr. Butash replied approximately 2 weeks time and currently the Smartboard locations within the classrooms are covered with stainless plates.**

**Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment: The 2 primary areas of concern are:**

- 1. Musical Instruments**
- 2. Tech Ed equipment**

**Mr. Lindberg explained that John Lahar had reviewed the lists with the teachers of each area. It was determined that approximately \$ 34,600 could be shaved off the music department request and approximately \$ 2,900 for the Tech Ed department. During review of the Tech Ed equipment listing, it was determined that additional items were needed, obviously resulting in a lower cost savings. Mr. Vadenais asked whether a priority list had been prepared by Mr. Lahar, Mr. Lindberg was not aware that a priority list had previously**

**been requested but stated one would be provided at the next meeting.**

**Mr. Roberts stated his concern over the newly request Tech Ed equipment in that the voltages had already been installed.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Mr. Roberts gave the Gilbane update including:**

**1. A draft of the dedication plaque was provided. Discussion followed as to whether the names of Town Counsel, School Committee, Action Committee, etc., members should be included. Decision was made to recognize those who have been through the entire process, namely the School Building Committee members.**

**2. Cash Flow Report will be provided on Friday, May 23 or Tuesday May 27, the latest.**

**3. Construction Schedule Update: The fire protection pump house work is being expedited; walkways are being installed as is the curtain wall. The Turf field has all been installed and the sand and rubber is expected to be installed on May 23 with the expected field completion date being May 30. Due to the time required to allow the curing process for the walking track, discussion regarding the security at the new field followed: Gilbane will have a sign to instruct people to stay off the walking track until July 3. Mr. Lindberg asked**

that the sign be more blunt and to state ‘no trespassing’ and Mr. Chamberland suggested that Gilbane have a security guard on site for the necessary 2 weeks. Mr. Chamberland then asked whether there is a grading issue which has resulted in a ‘small crown’ on the softball field; Mr. Roberts stated that US Softball standards were followed.

4. Quality Report: Mr. Roberts focused on several areas to emphasize quality control including: 1) it was verified that the stone sub base for the field is draining properly; 2) a correction for moisture at the epoxy floors was addressed and corrected; 3) the locker room floors were redone / recoated; 4) the kitchen walls were painted with 2 coats primer and epoxy. Steve Hughes stated that a meeting with the Commissioning Agent was held today and that the Commissioner was impressed with the overall workmanship, pipe installation, etc.

5. Owner Contingency Change Approval: Mr. Roberts reviewed 5 items totaling \$ 54,181 to be paid from the Owner’s Contingency.

These included:

Toilet accessory deletion	\$ - 6,800	
Electrical Feeder Revisions / Load Match		27,947
Acid Neutralizer	14,749	
Repair Electrical Lines / site contractor error		23,205
Verizon refund	- 4,920	
Total	\$ 54,181	

A motion was made to recommend to the Town Council that the

amounts be paid from the Owner's Contingency by David Chamberland and seconded by Paul Nordstrom. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

6. Design/Builder Contingency Change Approval: Mr. Roberts reviewed 3 items totally \$ 122,216 to be paid from the Design/Builder's Contingency:

These included:

RI Dept Ed requirement: Emergency water shut off \$ 21,654  
25 Pipe Bollards at 2 transformer pads 10,998

As required by National Grid

Fire Pump Relocation & electrical revision 89,564

Total \$ 122,216

If the fire pump had not been relocated, additional costs would have been necessary due to either rock removal / possible blasting costs as well as water issues.

A motion was made to recommend to the Town Council that the amounts be paid from the Design / Builder's Contingency by David Chamberland and seconded by Edward Yazbak. The committee unanimously approved the motion.

## **OPEN FORUM:**

**Discussion followed as to how the completion of the building is determined and recognized. Mr. Fagnoli explained that the Substantial Completion Certification will be signed by Steve Lindberg. At that time, several key individuals, including representatives from Gilbane, RGB, Bob Desroschers and others walk through the building where at that time a 'punch' list will be prepared listing all outstanding items needing to be completed. This punch list will be signed by Gilbane and RGB. The RI Department of Education will receive the Substantial Completion Certificate stating the building is ready for September occupancy. Once all inspections are completed, i.e., electrical, plumbing, fire, etc., the Building Inspector issues the occupancy permit to the Town.**

**A tour of the building is scheduled for June 5, 2008.**

**Mr. Yazbak and Jane Biron will schedule a meeting with the Finance Director with the purpose of reviewing the final budget.**

**The next meeting will be June 5, 2008.**

**The meeting was called for adjournment by Paul Vadenais and Edward Yazbak at 6:56pm.**